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Rules governing the opening of public lands and particulars pertaining thereto, have been published in pamphlet form, arriving in the last mail. They are printed in Hawaiian, English and Portuguese.

The closing exercises at the Lihue School yesterday morning were a pronounced success, despite the threatening weather which prevailed until nine o'clock.

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## ADVENTURES OF LITTLE FITZ RUFF

For Our Girls and Boys

This story is the beginning of a series of short stories for "Our Girls and Boys." For every story containing not less than five hundred (500) words, and written by girls and boys who live on Kauai, and whose stories are published, the editor will pay the sum of one (\$1.00) dollar, the writer having the right to choose the subject.

An award of five (\$5.00) dollars in gold will be made to school boy or girl writing the most interesting story on how they spent their vacation. In our issue of Tuesday, September 21st, the prize-winning story together with the name of the author, will be published. No boy or girl who is not a resident of Kauai, or who is in a grade higher than the sixth, will be permitted to enter the September contest.

The "one dollar story" offer is open to all school children, regardless of grades.

—EDITOR

I do not think there was a happier little kitten than Fitz Ruff in the whole of England.

He was very handsome, from the tip of his lovely bushy tail, which waved like a flag in the air when he walked, to his beautiful orange eyes and small velvety ears.

He had won a prize, too, at the big cat show, and now he was sitting on the beautiful hearth rug, staring at the friendly fire and listening to his mistress as she told her friends what people said about him.

"Fancy!" she cried; "one lady, an American, offered me five hundred pounds for him!"

Fitz Ruff closed his eyes and purred still louder as one of the friends knelt down beside him and gazed reverently at his beautiful tufted toes.

"Yes; just imagine that! Five Hundred pounds! But I could not send my Fitz Ruff to America could I?"

Fitz Ruff's eyes opened wide as he was snatched up and hugged tight against the silken dress of his fond mistress.

She said he should have a golden collar and sleep in a bed of pure silk, and he was to live in a palace.

The friends gasped, and clasped their hands, and were so impressed that Fitz Ruff began to think his mistress had been a little selfish in not allowing him to enjoy all these wonderful things.

From that time onwards he began to get quite spoilt by all the attention paid to him. He began at once, thinking himself the most wonderful cat that had ever been born.

But one day he was caught stealing the cream, and his mistress was so angry that she slapped him

quite hard. Oh, how hurt poor Fitz Ruff's feelings were! That he, the peerless blue Persian kitten, worth more than his weight in gold, should be slapped like a common cat! It was too much! He rushed from the house vowing never to return.

Weary and nearly dead with hunger, he crept on. His once beautiful coat became torn and wet, his tail dragged behind him, clogged with mud.

A huge dog rushed out of the shadows and sent him flying with terror into a tree. There he clung, trembling with terror, fear, and weakness.

The barking of the dog brought out the farmer to see who was trespassing. And when he saw Fitz Ruff he shook the tree to make him come down that he might shoot him, for Farmer Giles hated cats.

But Fitz Ruff clung on wildly, and the dog barked, and the farmer said things no honest farmer should say. And in the midst of all this hubbub up drove Mrs. Giles in the covered cart, and handed out her empty baskets, which she had taken to the market full of eggs and golden butter that morning.

When she heard it was a cat she came along and tried to coax poor Fitz Ruff. But he only opened his mouth feebly and looked at the dog. Then Mrs. Giles, who understood things, sent the dog away, and the farmer too; then she said things to Fitz Ruff which Fitz Ruff understood.

"He ain't no beauty, that I'll allow," she said later as Fitz lay on the brick floor in front of the kitchen fire. "E's right down ugly, but there, 'e's a pore stray creature, and we never know when we won't be the same."

Poor Fitz Ruff, his once beautiful coat, now smeared with dirt, clinging in matted lumps to his dainty limbs, certainly looked a sad object. Mrs. Giles knew nothing about his orange eyes, nor the tufts between his toes, points which had won him the gold medal at the show. And his proud little heart sank as he heard her comments.

Oh, to get back to his dear mistress and the white rug! Oh, to sit there once more blinking at the friendly fire, to feel the soft touch of his mistress's silk dress against his nose, to hear her soothing voice as she besought him to try and take a little more milk!

Mrs. Giles was very kind. She knew that a little kitten, though ugly and apparently innocent of the murder of mice, had still feelings, and she patted him now and then when she had time. And Fitz Ruff would stiffen his back as her rough hand wandered from his soft

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